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GUARANTEED: YOU WILL LIVE!

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL LIVE... — JOHN 11:25

Week 9 of 9

REVIEW THE SERIES: Easter... a day of fulfilled promises... the promise of life

With **J e s u s**, you will **l i v e**!

PRAY / ILL: AS A CHILD FEAR OF DEATH, wake up refreshed / FEAR OF DEATH

JOHN 11:1-44 (P. 746)

DOES HE LOVE US? VV. 1-6

"Lord, the one you **l o v e** is **s i c k**." (v. 3)

... when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he **s t a y e d** where he was. (v. 6)

STRONG LOVE INTENSIFIES FEAR OF DEATH // KATIE'S BIRTH // SKYDIVING IS A SIN

Either Jesus' **l o v e** was **w e a k**

or he had no **f e a r** of **d e a t h**.

AT EVERY TRAGIC MOMENT IN OUR LIVES WE FACE THIS DILEMMA

DOES HE REMEMBER? VV. 7-16

"Let us **g o b a c k** to Judea" (v. 7)

"Rabbi, a short while ago the Jews tried to **s t o n e** you." (v. 8)

Either Jesus was **f o r g e t f u l**

or he had no **f e a r** of **d e a t h**.

WALK IN THE LIGHT / NOT THE DARK OF FEAR AND DOUBT

DOES HE CARE? VV. 17-37

"You don't have to wait for the End. I am, right now, Resurrection and Life. The one who believes in me, even though he or she dies, will live. And everyone who lives believing in me does not ultimately die at all. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26 MSG

Jesus had no fear of death because he held
the power of **l i f e** in **h i m s e l f**.

ASIDE ON JESUS' TEARS // he loves you // but put yourself in Martha's shoes
"My brother's still dead!"

IS THIS THEORY OR REALITY? VV. 38-44

LISTEN TO THE AUTHORITY IN JESUS' VOICE. // Lazarus Come Out! THEORY v. REALITY
so much religious thinking is theory // unless something amazing happens here

Jesus **c l a i m e d** to hold the power of life.

He **t e s t e d** it. He **p r o v e d** it!

MORE THAN ONCE // YOU KNOW THE STORY // JUDAS, TRIAL, CROSS, GRAVE

JOHN 19:28-20:31 (P. 753)

● Jesus was **r e a l l y d e a d**.

● Jesus was **s e c u r e l y b u r i e d**.

● Jesus' **b o d y** was **m i s s i n g**.

● Jesus appeared **p h y s i c a l l y** to his followers.

walkthrough Mary, the disciples, Thomas

Thomas: "My **L o r d** and My **G o d**"

THE MOMENT WHEN THEORY BECAME REALITY
IS IT THEORY OR REALITY FOR YOU?

SO WHAT?

MAKING THE THEORY A REALITY FOR ME

... just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Romans 6:4

It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's!

Romans 8:11 MSG

B e l i e v e in **J e s u s** and you will **l i v e**.

BUT WAIT A MINUTE, WHAT I JUST SAID ISN'T THEORY. "BELIEVE" ISN'T THEORY.

~ IS IT THEORY OR REALITY FOR YOU ~

FOR SOME, THEORY... BECAUSE YOU ARE HURTING... SICKNESS NOT END IN DEATH

THEORY... BECAUSE YOU HAVE FACED DEATH (RESENTMENT) ... I WILL WAKE HIM UP

THEORY BECAUSE YOU CLAIM TO BELIEVE BUT IT ISN'T REAL

> HEART BUT NO HANDS, FEET, MOUTH, WALLET

> HEAD, HANDS AND FEET BUT NO HEART

Believe in Jesus, and live!

Lord Jesus, I am sorry that I haven't given you the credit you deserve.

I have taken your life, death, and resurrection for granted. But I affirm today to you that I believe you died for my sins and that you rose again. I give you my life. Be my King, be my Savior, be my Friend. Forgive my sins and wash me clean, and place your life in me from this day forward, Amen.

NEW SERIES NEXT WEEK: LOSING MY RELIGION